

REMARKS

The declaration was found to be defective for failure to identify the foreign application on which priority is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.55. It is noted that there are two priority documents in this application, US provisional application 60/509,011 and the subsequently filed PCT application PCT/IB2004/051705, both of which are of record as priority documents in this application as printed on the Filing Receipt. To provide the requested information as to the PCT application, an Application Data Sheet is enclosed. As 37 CFR 1.76(b) (6) states, the Application Data Sheet may be used to provide the foreign priority information of \$1.55. The enclosed Application Data Sheet does not change, add to, or delete any priority information or any other information currently of record in this case.

Claims 1-4, and 9-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by international publication WO03/037176 (Solosko et al.), an application of the assignee of this application. To clarify the present invention in view of this new ground of rejection, Claim 1 has been canceled and Claims 2 and 3 rewritten in independent form. The dependency of several claims previously depending from Claim 1 has been changed to reference either Claim 2 or Claim 3. No amendment has been made which touches the merits of the application.

Rewritten Claim 2 describes an enclosure for a defibrillator electrode which seals the electrode against moisture loss while the electrode remains in electrical communication with a defibrillator, comprising an enclosure formed of flexible material which is adapted to be sealed against moisture loss; an interior connector located on the interior of the enclosure and adapted to detachably connect to a defibrillator electrode; and an exterior connector located on the outside of the enclosure and adapted to detachably connect to a defibrillator, the exterior connector being in

electrical communication with the interior connector, and further comprising a defibrillator electrode having a wireset detachably coupled to the interior connector, wherein the defibrillator electrode is sealed inside of the enclosure. In the embodiment of Claim 2, a defibrillator electrode and its wireset are detachably coupled to an interior connector and are in communication with an exterior connector which is adapted to be detachably connected to a defibrillator. This arrangement means that the entire electrode including its wireset can be tested by the defibrillator for moisture loss while sealed in the enclosure. The exterior connector can be disconnected from the defibrillator and connected to a new sealed electrode if the present one has become desiccated. The enclosure can be opened and the electrode applied directly to a patient for rescue without changing any of the connections. If an emergency medical response person arrives and wants to connect the patient-applied electrodes to his or her ALS defibrillator/monitor, the electrode wireset can be disconnected from the interior connector and connected directly to the ALS defibrillator/monitor for further monitoring of the patient's condition. Another possibility is to disconnect the electrode from the interior connector and connect the electrode directly to the original defibrillator. The enclosure with its connectors can then be disposed of in either instance.

Rewritten Claim 3 is similar and also recites that the exterior electrode is coupled to a defibrillator.

These benefits are not possible with the Solosko et al. arrangement. The Examiner cites the package 33 of Fig. 8 of Solosko et al. as anticipating the present invention. This is not the case, however, as Solosko et al. do not have an interior connector as recited in Claims 2 and 3 (and in canceled Claim 1). The Solosko et al. package 33 has a single separable electrodes consisting of two main sections 23 and 25 which are joined by an electrically conductive strip 31. The

only connector is connector 39 which is outside the package 33. The Examiner is trying to read the electrically conductive strip 31 as a connector, but it is not a connector. This is clear from the paragraph on page 11, lines 24-31 of Solosko et al., where connector 39 is referred to as a connector and conductive strip 31 is not; it is referred to as a conductive strip, not a connector. As used in both Solosko et al. and in the present application, a connector is a plug of some sort that can be repeatedly plugged into something to attach and removed to detach. The conductive strip 31 is part of a "single separable electrode" which, as Solosko et al. make clear, can only be torn to separate the two sections of the electrode into two electrodes. It is clear from the cited paragraph that Solosko et al. do not consider the strip to be a connector. Consequently both the interior connector and its function are missing from Solosko et al. relative to rewritten Claims 2 and 3. Furthermore, it is seen from Fig. 8 of Solosko et al. that their connector 39 is entirely outside of the package 33, with the seam of the package sealed around the electrode wires 35 and 37. This means that leaks can develop in the seam around the wires. By contrast, rewritten Claim 2 says that the defibrillator electrode having a wireset is sealed inside the enclosure, thereby preventing this leakage problem. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that Solosko et al. cannot anticipate rewritten Claims 2 and 3 and their dependent Claims 4-13.

Previously presented Claim 14 describes a method for packaging a defibrillator electrode comprising providing a sealable flexible enclosure having an interior connector in the inside of the enclosure and an exterior connector on the outside of the enclosure, the interior and exterior connectors being in electrical communication with each other; disposing a defibrillator electrode in the interior of the enclosure, the electrode having an adapter in electrical communication with the interior connector; sealing the enclosure to retard

moisture loss; and connecting the exterior connector to be in electrical communication with a defibrillator. The defibrillator electrode sealed in the interior of the disclosure has an adapter connected to the interior connector; no corresponding element is found Solosko et al. As previously mentioned, there is no interior connector found in Solosko et al. There is only a connector 39 outside the package. There is also no adapter inside the package in Solosko et al. For both of these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 14 and its dependent Claims 15 and 16 are patentable over Solosko et al.

Claims 5-8, and 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Solosko et al. in view of US Pat. 5,462,157 (Freeman et al.). As previously discussed, Freeman et al. have only a single connector 24 or 134, and it is either sealed entirely in the package 100 or in a seam as shown in Fig. 5 of Freeman et al. Like Solosko et al., only a single connector is present and nothing can be found corresponding to both an interior connector and an exterior connector. The versatility described above in the explanation of Claim 2 and the different ways in which the electrode and enclosure package connectors can be connected to different defibrillators, is not possible with Freeman et al., as is the case with Solosko et al. For these reasons the combination of Solosko et al. and Freeman et al. cannot render rewritten Claims 2 and 3 or previously presented Claim 14 and their dependent claims unpatentable.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment, canceling Claim 1 and rewriting Claims 2 and 3 in independent form, does not touch the merits of the case. It was the new grounds of rejection that gave rise to this clarification, which, it is respectfully submitted, puts the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2-16 are not anticipated by

Solosko et al. and are patentable over any combination of Freeman et al. and Solosko et al. Accordingly it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 2-4 and 9-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and of Claims 5-8 and 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Method and apparatus for packaging an electrode

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